

85TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 172

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),*  
That there is hereby established a joint congressional committee to be composed of three members of the Committee on the District of Columbia of the Senate, to be appointed by the chairman of such committee, and three members of the Committee on the District of Columbia of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The joint committee shall select a chairman and a vice chairman from among its members. A majority of the joint committee shall constitute a quorum except that a lesser number, to be fixed by the joint committee, shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of administering oaths and taking sworn testimony.

SEC. 2. The joint committee, or any duly authorized subcommittee thereof, shall examine, investigate, and make a complete study of any and all matters pertaining to (a) the problems created by the growth and expansion of the District of Columbia and its metropolitan area, (b) how and with what degree of success such problems are handled and resolved by the various agencies and instrumentalities of the Government which are charged with the duty of resolving such problems, and (c) how the resolution of such problems is affecting the affairs of the District of Columbia. The joint committee shall report its findings, together with its recommendations for such legislation as it deems advisable, to the Senate and the House of Representatives at the earliest practicable date, but not later than January 31, 1959. Upon the submission of such report, the joint committee shall cease to exist and all authority conferred by this resolution shall terminate; but the joint committee shall make a progress report on its activities by January 31, 1958.

SEC. 3. The joint committee, or any duly authorized subcommittee thereof, is authorized to sit and act at such places and times within the United States, to hold such hearings, to require by subpoena or otherwise the attendance of such witnesses and the production of such books, papers, and documents, to administer such oaths, to take such testimony as it deems advisable.

SEC. 4. The joint committee shall have power to employ and fix the compensation of such experts, consultants, and other employees as it deems necessary in the performance of its duties.

SEC. 5. The expenses of the joint committee, through January 31, 1958, which shall not exceed \$50,000, shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the chairman of the joint committee.